

DESTROY THE SHADE TREES

Commanders of Soldiers' Homes Accused of Wantonly Cutting Timber.

SHADE LAWNS DELIBERATELY DEVOIDED

Grand Army Names Committee to Look into the Conduct of the State Officers at Grand Island and Milford.

LINCOLN, June 12.—(Special.)—A special committee, consisting of seven members of the Grand Army, will meet at Milford next Thursday for the purpose of investigating the fiscal conduct of Superintendent J. M. Fowler of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. Another committee of Grand Army men will later look into the affairs of the Soldiers' Home at Grand Island, which is presided over by Commandant Belcher. These committees were appointed by Commandant Belcher pursuant to a resolution passed at the recent encampment of the Nebraska department of the Grand Army.

No specific charges have been made against Commandant Belcher, but against Superintendent Fowler there are many grievances. The matter the committee will especially investigate is the alleged unnecessary destruction of trees around the Soldiers' Home. Captain J. H. Culver of Milford brought the subject to the attention of the Nebraska department and it was largely upon his complaint that Commandant Belcher was appointed to appoint a special investigating committee. Captain Culver resides near the home at Milford and owns considerable property in that vicinity, most of which is covered with large timber. He asserts that Superintendent Fowler has caused many large and valuable trees on the grounds surrounding the home to be cut down or otherwise destroyed, greatly damaging the property and detracting from its beauty.

Sample of Fowler's Work. The home at Milford is located on a beautiful piece of ground running down to the river, and until lately it was almost covered with huge trees. These trees have always been the pride of the community, and beside beautifying the grounds have furnished shade which could not otherwise have been secured. One particular case cited by Captain Culver is where the superintendent caused a large and stately cottonwood tree directly in front of the home to be destroyed. The tree was one of the oldest and most valuable on the place, and every morning just at daybreak all the birds in the neighborhood would gather on its branches and sing their first note of the day. It was cultivated and cared for year after year until it became one of the landmarks of the community, but a short time ago it was cut off close to the ground, leaving only a stump to mark the spot. It is asserted that Superintendent Fowler explained his action by saying that the birds prevented him from sleeping after daylight by their chirping and singing. The Milford investigating committee consists of J. H. Culver, Milford, chairman; H. C. Graham, Beatrice; John Jeffcoat, Omaha; F. P. Patterson, Lincoln; J. C. Hastings; W. M. Gifford, O. E. C. Goodell, Lincoln.

The committee that will later investigate the affairs at the Grand Island home is composed of C. E. Adams, Post No. 43, Superior; William C. Russell, Post No. 30, 11, Grand Island; H. C. Russell, Post No. 31, Schuyler; John E. Evans, Post No. 30, North Platte; T. J. Majors, Post No. 302, Peru.

Figures on Railroad Valuation. The total assessed valuation of Nebraska railroad property, tourist and palace sleeping cars and telegraph property as fixed by the State Board of Equalization is \$28,877,487. The following tables show how this total amount was divided for the two last years:

Table with 2 columns: 1899, 1900. Rows include Railroad property, Palace sleeping cars, Tourist sleeping cars, and Total.

TORNADO STRIKES BEATRICE

Twister Does Much Damage Around Gage County's Capital.

ELK CITY ALSO GETS A VISITATION

Storm in Central Nebraska Severe in Places—Rainfall Heavy Over a Large Section of the Grain Belt.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Beatrice was visited this afternoon by a tornado which although small did considerable damage in the western and northern parts of the city. The cloud, which was funnel shaped, was first observed bearing down from the west. The storm struck west end about half a mile from the city limits and tore its way down Court street, breaking off large trees here and there in its path as though they were straw. Small buildings were picked up and whirled away and shingles blown from the roofs of more substantial houses.

One large eight room house was lifted a couple of feet off the ground and dropped back again on its foundation, while its frightened occupants vainly strove to hold the door shut so that the building might not be carried away. A pig pen, together with its shed and one porker, was picked up, carried over house tops and deposited on the bank of the river a half mile away. A barn in North Beatrice was blown away and a horse in it killed. The storm moved from the west to east, then northeast and then executing a complete turn came down again in West Beatrice, passing again over its former route. At one place a large quantity of grain was blown away, and yielded about 100 yards and driven into the ground about four feet. The twister finally tore away to the north and east. No reports from other districts visited have yet come in. The storm was preceded by a heavy rain which cleared away as the wind headed west.

ELK CITY, Neb., June 12.—A tornado did much damage in the farming country west of here this afternoon. It formed, seemingly, on the river a half mile away, and moved eastward, blowing away many narrow escapes from injury are reported. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—E. G. Hamilton, Harry Welch and Mrs. Harriet Jennings, who were arrested upon the charge of robbing the house of Mr. Strain, were given a preliminary hearing in the county court today and were committed to await the action of the district court. Bonds were fixed in the sum of \$500 each, which have not been given.

Backus Elected at Harvard. HARVARD, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—W. B. Backus, recently superintendent of the public schools at Chadron, Neb., and prior thereto with the schools at Genoa and Columbus, was today elected superintendent of the Harvard schools, in place of S. P. Arnot, resigned.

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN

Week Very Favorable to Growing of Corn and Other Crops in Nebraska. United States Department of Agriculture climate and crop bulletin for the week ending June 11: The week ending June 11 was very warm, the daily mean temperature averaging from 5 degrees above normal in the eastern sections to 7 degrees above in the western. In the eastern half of the state the maximum temperatures were generally above 90 degrees on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, although the highest readings were recorded on Wednesday. In the western half the highest temperatures were slightly below 90 degrees.

SEVERE STORM AT WEST POINT. Torrents of Rain Flood Lower Part of the City. WEST POINT, Neb., June 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A most terrific rainstorm visited this section this afternoon. Rain fell in torrents for the greater portion of the day, the lower part of the city completely flooded. The track of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad was washed out in several places and cellars, both in the business and residence portions of the town, were flooded. The crop in the south-west section, cherries are ripening in the southern half of the state, but the crop is not large.

FILIPINOS QUICK TO LEARN

General Otis Reports Them Hungry for Schools—Best of Asiatic Races. WASHINGTON, June 12.—During General Otis' visit at the War Department in conference with the heads of the various departments he had many questions to answer respecting present and future conditions in the Philippines. He made one statement in particular which came as a distinct surprise, in view of the fact that he has spent a year and a half in fighting the Filipinos, for he declared that these same Filipinos were without question the very best of any of the Asiatic races living on the Pacific coast of America. He paid a high tribute to their acquisitiveness, saying that young and old were alike anxious to learn from the Americans and quick to do so if given an opportunity. The demand for schools on the American plan was insatiable. It had not been possible to secure a sufficient supply of Spanish-American text books.

RAIN COMES TO NEBRASKA CROPS.

Growing Grain Is Helped by Nature. CAMBRIDGE, Neb., June 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A splendid rain of nearly an inch fell here last night. Reports from all directions seem to indicate that it was quite general in this part of the state. Much of the wheat was ripening, and head and grain at a stage in its growth when rain was most needed.

Small Grain Badly Burned.

FARNSDALE, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—Fears are being entertained here for the crop of various small grains in this vicinity. On the new, or comparatively new, ground the grain has not suffered so much, but on old ground it is very badly burned and in the estimation of most of the farmers, is past hope. The area of the worst crop is much smaller than last year, but large enough to prove a serious loss.

Much Rain Is Reported.

STAMFORD, Neb., June 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Good rains are reported at St. Francis, Kas., light showers at Atwood, Bird City, Herndon, Sudell and Cedar Bluffs, Kas. Light rains have broken the drought between Stamford and the Kansas line. Orleans, Neb., reports a heavy rain.

HIS NAME IS NOT YET KNOWN

McKinley's Ticket: Mate One of the Things Yet to Be Disclosed.

ALLISON SAYS HE WILL NOT HAVE IT

Iowa Statesman Is Contented to Remain in the Senate—Dolliver Talk is Still Heard Down at Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—(Special Telegram.)—If the leaders of the republican party know a name to be nominated at Philadelphia for the second place on the presidential ticket they have kept it mighty close thus far. If there has been a tacit understanding among those charged with the management of the party in the coming contest to arouse enthusiasm by keeping the vice-presidency open to all comers they have succeeded. Thus far only the vaguest prognostications are heard as to McKinley's running mate and delegates to the national republican convention will settle the question for themselves as to who will occupy the place of the late Vice President Garret A. Hobart upon this year's presidential ticket. For several days the drift of opinion has been toward Senator Allison of Iowa for the second place, but he has said tonight to 'The Bee': 'Under no circumstances can I be thought of as accepting the nomination for vice president. If it should be tendered me I would rise in the convention and decline the honor, because I believe I can carry out my duty as party leader on the floor of the senate than in the vice-presidential chair. No man appreciates the importance or honor of the position more than I do, but I believe my plain duty is to remain in the senate and assist the president in carrying out the policies for which the republican party stands pledged.'

Dolliver Has a Manager.

Representative Dolliver of Iowa still lingers in Washington, but as he has turned his back over to General Grosvenor he is letting the Buckeye statesman manage his affairs for him and does not seem to be worrying himself regarding his canvass for second place on the ticket.

Company Elects Officers.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Company 'A' First regiment National Guard, beatrice, elected officers as follows: Captain, S. H. Avey; first lieutenant, Jesse Penrod; second lieutenant, Ralph Sablin.

Arrange Rural Delivery Route.

AURORA, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—Special Agent Llewellyn of the rural free delivery service was here yesterday for the purpose of inspecting a rural free delivery route in Hamilton county with starting point at Aurora.

Small Insect in Wheat.

GENEVA, Neb., June 12.—(Special.)—A small insect reported to be in wheat heads but has done no harm as yet, though it is causing no little uneasiness. The wheat crop will be a fine one if not injured.

GOES BACK TO FIRING LINE

Captain Culver is Satisfactorily Recovered from His Command in the Philippines. Captain J. H. Culver of Milford, who has been in Omaha since Sunday, returned to his home Tuesday evening. The captain is making a return to the Philippines within the next month. In a few days he will leave for California, where he will remain until the latter part of July, when he will start for Manila. The captain has not entirely recovered from the injury which occasioned his return to America, and still uses a cane to support his weakened limb. He hopes that by the time he is ready to leave that he will be completely recovered, but if not expects that the sea voyage will place him in condition to join his command upon the arrival of the transport at the island.

PRESIDENT HAS CALLERS

McKinley Entertains a Number of Prominent Men Before the Cabinet Meeting. WASHINGTON, June 12.—The president had quite a number of prominent callers today before the cabinet meeting. The included Senator Hanna, chairman of the republican national committee; Senator Allison of Iowa, Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania and Thomas K. Lowry of Minnesota, one of the delegates-at-large from his state to the Philadelphia convention.

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Forecaster at Washington Promises Fair Skies with Variable Winds.

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For Missouri—Showers Wednesday and Thursday, cooler in central and southern portions Wednesday; brisk easterly winds.

For Western Texas and New Mexico—Fair Wednesday, variable winds.

For Iowa—Showers Wednesday, with cooler in eastern portion; Thursday, fair, with shifting to northerly.

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For Colorado—Fair in western, fair in eastern portions Wednesday; Thursday, fair, with warmer in eastern portion; northeastern strongly inclined to showers.

For Wyoming—Fair Wednesday, with warmer in western portion; Thursday, fair; northerly winds.

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TRADE AT THE PORT OF MANILA

Imports Show a Falling Off as Compared with the Same Time Last Year.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—The division of customs and insular affairs of the War department announced a decrease in the amount of imports into the port of Manila during the first three months of 1900, as compared with the same period of 1899, of \$747,659.

The imports for January, 1899, were \$2,304,563; for January, 1900, \$1,477,533; for February 1899, \$1,280,787; for February, 1900, \$988,854; for March, 1899, \$876,935, and for March, 1900, \$1,129,935.

By countries the imports into Manila during the month of March, 1900, were: From Austria, \$6,836; from Australia, \$8,824; from Belgium, \$4,935; from the Chinese Empire, \$23,597; from British East Indies, \$1,152; from Egypt, \$676; from England, \$275,806; from France, \$51,963; from Germany, \$102,866; from Holland, \$2,362; from Hong Kong, \$417,422; from Italy, \$3,814; from Japan, \$17,609; from Spain, \$123,948; from Switzerland, \$20,499; and from the United States, \$199,386.

From the above showing the United States ranks fourth, being exceeded in the matter of imports by Hong Kong, England and Spain.

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Nicoll TAILOR advertisement with logo and text.

You Can't Afford to Look Shabby advertisement with illustration of a man in a suit.

Nicoll's Stock Reducing Sale advertisement with text and small illustration.

MARIAN WINE advertisement with text and logo.

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